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In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

We the undersigned, stand together to condemn the sectarian violence and bloodshed underway in Iraq. Recent attacks on civilians and places of worship including the Al-Askariya shrine in Samarra, an explosion near a primary school in Kut as well as other attacks, including death squads have no basis in Islam and no place in a majority Muslim country.

Sectarian violence only further helps to prolong the occupation and causes oppressed peoples to fight each other rather than challenging those who have occupied their land and who gain most from such bloodshed.

We call on all Muslims in Iraq and beyond to put aside sectarianism, and unite to fulfil their religious duty to struggle in defence of the oppressed against the oppressor. (Qur'an 4:75)

Signed

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